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SUBJECT: US VISIT OF SPD BUNDESTAG DEPUTY KARSTEN
VOIGT, MAY 12-28, 1978

1. SPD BUNDESTAG DEPUTY KARSTEN VOIGT AND HIS WIFE, INGE, ARE PLANNING A BUSINESS TRIP TO THE U.S. DURING MAY 12-28. VOIGT IS A FORMER NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE GERMAN YOUNG SOCIALISTS (JUSO'S), THE YOUTH AFFILIATE OF THE SPD. A MEMBER OF THE LEFT WING IN THE SPD BUNDESTAG CAUCUS, HE SERVES AS DEPUTY SPD SPOKESMAN ON THE COMMITTEE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS. VOIGT HAS A DEFINITE POLITICAL FUTURE IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER USG AGENCIES ACCOMMODATE HIS REQUESTS FOR APPOINTMENTS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE FRG EMBASSY AND CONSULATES GENERAL ARE SETTING UP HIS PROGRAM.

2. THE ITINERARY IS AS FOLLOWS:

MAY 12-14: CHICAGO. MEETING WITH THE CHICAGO COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS, AND PERHAPS THE LOCAL GERMAN COMMUNITY.

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MAY 14-20: HENDRIX COLLEGE IN CONWAY, ARKANSAS. VOIGT WILL GIVE LECTURES UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE GERMAN MARSHALL FUND WHICH IS ORGANIZING HIS PROGRAM.

MAY 20-21: NEW ORLEANS.

MAY 21-24: WASHINGTON. VOIGT WANTS APPOINTMENTS WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT, ACDA, THE NSC, THE CSCE COMMISSION, STAFF MEMBERS ON CAPITOL HILL, THE GERMAN MARSHALL FUND, CSIS AT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, AND THE FRIEDRICH EBERT FOUNDATION. HE PLANS A MAY 23 LUNCH AT THE CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE "FACE-TO-FACE PROGRAM."

MAY 24-25: BOSTON. VOIGT WANTS APPOINTMENTS WITH STANLEY HOFFMANN AND GUIDO GOLDMAN (CENTER FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES) AND WILLIAM GRIFFITH AT THE MIT CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES.

MAY 25-27: NEW YORK. VOIGT WANTS APPOINTMENTS WITH SOCIAL DEMOCRATS USA, THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIAL-IST ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, THE FRG UN MISSION, THE FRG CONSULATE GENERAL, THE GIC (SK), AND THE BANK FUER GEMEINWIRTSCHAFT.

3. THE VOIGTS PLAN TO LEAVE FOR FRANKFURT ON THE EVENING OF MAY 27.
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